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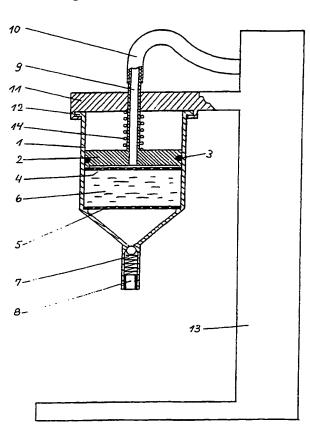
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(54) Title: ESPRESSO MACHINE WITH AN INFUSION PISTON DISPLACEABLE IN AN INFUSION CYLINDER

(54) Bezeichnung: ESPRESSOMASCHINE MIT EINEM IN EINEM BRÜHZYLINDER VERSCHIEBBAREN BRÜHKOLBEN



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an espresso machine with an infusion piston (2) that is displaceable in an infusion cylinder (1) which infusion piston is linked in a non-positive manner with an actuation device of the infusion piston via a spring. In a first position, said infusion piston tightly encloses the ground coffee between itself and an outlet sieve (5) in an infusion chamber (6) of the infusion cylinder, said infusion chamber being connected to a pressurized water inlet. The infusion piston (2) is automatically displaceable by the pressure of the infusion water flowing into the infusion cylinder (1) against the elastic force of the spring to a second predetermined position in which the infusion chamber is enlarged. Once the pressure in the infusion chamber (6) decreases, the spring automatically returns the infusion piston (2) in the direction of the first position. The aim of the invention is to provide an espresso machine with which all zones of the ground coffee within the infusion cylinder are evenly and thoroughly moistened, expressed and extracted. Another aim is to improve the sealing of the infusion chamber from the start of the inlet of the infusion water to the end of the infusion phase. To this end, the infusion piston (2) can be displaced to the second position in a manner that is substantially proportional to a pressure increase in the infusion chamber (6) caused by the inflowing infusion water until a desired opening pressure of a froth-producing valve (7) closing the infusion chamber (6) in the downstream direction is reached.

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